



PATENT

Case Docket No. ASMMC.036AUS

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Sophie et al.
Appl. No. : 09/975,466
Filed : October 9, 2001
For : IN SITU REDUCTION OF
COPPER OXIDE PRIOR TO
SILICON CARBIDE
DEPOSITION
Group Art Unit : 2813
Class/Sub-Class : 438/687000
Examiner : Erik J. Kielin

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the Issue Fee for the above-identified application:

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on October 25, 2004.

In discussing the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner refers to certain features of independent Claims 1, 28, 6 and 7. Allowed Claims 1-17, 28 and 30-32 recite different combinations of features and elements than those referenced by the Examiner. To the extent that the Examiner's paraphrasing of the subject matter of Claims 1, 28, 6 and 7 differs from the language of the allowed Claims, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: January 11, 2005

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